private testing laboratories are approved by the State Licensing Authorities. Inspected jointly by the Drugs Inspectors of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and State Drug Control Organisation, approval is given if the approving authority is satisfied that the requirements of the Rules have been complied with and that the conditions of the approval will be observed. These laboratories are further required to be inspected at the time of renewal constant surveillance on the functioning of these approved laboratories is required to be kept by the State Licensing Authorities.

This Ministry has not received any specific complaint about the functioning of approved testing laboratories. However, a mention has been made in the Lentin Commission report on functioning of approved testing laboratories.

(c) The Minister of Health and Family Welfare has sent the recommendations of the Lentin Commission to all the States Chief Ministers to take necessary steps for proper enforcement of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules on Drugs Testing Laboratories.

Irrational Drug Formulations

3173. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sub-committee of the Drugs Consultative Committee is holding public hearings and weeding out irrational drug formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Consultative Committee has been constituted only to work for securing uniformity in Drug control enforcement in States and to weed out irrational formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules do not have any provisions to weed out irrational drug formlations; and

(d) if so, the justification for the functioning of the sub-committee of the Drugs Consultative Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARTE): (a) A sub-committee of experts constituted by the Drugs Consultative Committee examine the drug formulations moving in the market from the angle of safety, efficacy and rationality in the context of the present knowledge, from time to time. The committee also gives an opportunity to the affected manufacturers to present their evidence and listen to their view points.

(b) to (d) Although the main function of the Drugs Consultative Committee is to secure uniformity in implementation of the provisions of the Drugs and cosmetic Act, it also recommends weeding out of irrational drugs/harmful drugs to the Drug Technical Advisory Board. For this purpose, the Drugs Consultative Committee has set up a sub-committee of experts to screen formulations moving in the market.

Section 10A and 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act empowers Government to prohibit import/manufacture and sale of drug formulations considered harmful or therapeutically irrational/ineffective.

Army vehicles used for Narcotics smuggling

3174. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that army vehicles are being used for smuggling narcotics from Burma to India;

(b) whether the Narcotics Control Bureau has raised objections regarding this to the Ministry of Home Affairs recently; and

(c) if so, the action taken on the said letter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MI-

NISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Funding of elections

3175. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring a legislation in coming Budget Session for funding from Government treasury to the candidate of Lok Sabha election in coming Election; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Along with other proposals for electoral reforms, the Election Commission also made a proposal for State funding of election expenses of candidates without spelling out details. Several political parties have also expressed themselves in favour of this suggestion. The proposal, in all its implications, is under scrutiny. Until a decision is taken, it is difficult to indicate anything about the possible legislation or of its timing.

भारतीय वायुसेना के विमान का हरियाणा में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो जाना

8176. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1 नवम्बर, 1988 को हरियाणा कुरूक्षेत्र में ढांड पुलिस स्टेशन के अन्तर्गत आने वाले सरसा गांव में भारतीय वायुसेना का एक विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इसमें कितने व्यक्ति मारे गए और कितने व्यक्ति गंभीर रूप से घायल हुए और मारे गए व्यक्तियों के आश्रितों तथा घायल हुए व्यक्तियों को दिए गए मुआवजे का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) दोषी पाए गए व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और इस दुर्घटना की जांच किस एजेंसी द्वारा की जा रही है और उसके जांच प्रतिवेदन का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) दुर्घटना, इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण हुई। इस विमान दुर्घटना के परिणाम-स्वरूप किसी की जान नहीं गई या किसी को चोट नहीं आई।

(ग) इस संबंध में एक जांच अदालत बिठाने के आदेश दिए गए हैं और इसकी कार्रवाई चल रही है।

Setting up of International Space Centre

3177. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHNA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the international space centre proposed by the Soviet Union two years ago, is not likely to be set up in India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The proposal for the setting up of an International Space Centre has many important implications such as scope of the Centre, the extent and nature of participation by all the countries in the world, the economic viability of the Centre etc. As